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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: PHILIPPINE DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES,
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 667

REF : A) STATE 106851, B) STATE 103431; C) MANILA 6051

1. IN REF (C), EMBASSY MANILA REPORTED THAT ERNESTO TULLID
VOLUNTEERED THAT PD 66(IS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED. BASED
IN PART ON THAT INFORMATION, THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
(FMC) STAFF RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMISSION THAT IT POSTPONE
PUBLICATION OF PROPOSAD SECTION 19 ACTION.

2. U.S. SHIPPING LINES ARE NOW BRINGING TO THE FMC'S AND
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DEPT'S ATTENTION THE POSSIBILITY THAT PD 667 MAY ALREADY

BE HAVING AN EFFECT ON THE DECISIONS OF PHILIPPINE EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS, AND THEREFORE, ON THE BUSINESS OF U.S. SHIPPING LINES. THE U.S. LINES CONTEND THAT PHILIPPINE SHIPPERS, ANTICIPATING THE TAX BENEFITS OF PD 667, ARE ALREADY SWITCHING THEIR CARGOES TO PHILIPPINE LINES WHERE POSSIBLE. THE U.S. LINES POINT OUT THAT THEY HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF

GOP PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH WOULD GIVE PHILIPPINE EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF PD 667 WHEN THEY FILE THEIR INCOME TAX RETURNS NEXT YEAR.

3. IN ORDER THAT FUTURE USG ACTION ON THIS MATTER MAY BE TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF THE BEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION, THE FMC AND THE DEPARTMENT NEED TO KNOW:

(A) WHETHER THE GOP HAS PUBLICLY INDICATED IT WILL NOT IMPLEMENT THE DECREE;

(B) WHAT THE GOP INTENDS TO DO WHEN PHILIPPINE EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS BEGIN FILING TAX RETURNS CLAIMING PD 667 DEDUCTIONS FOR FREIGHT CHARGES PAID PHILIPPINE CARRIERS;

(C) WHETHER THE EMBASSY HAS ANY EVIDENCE THAT PHILIPPINE EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS ARE CHOOSING THEIR SHIPPING LINES ON THE BASIS OF EXPECTED PD 667 TAX BENEFITS;

(D) ANY OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION THE EMBASSY BELIEVES PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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